(b) Installation of green letter boxes for early delivery of local mails;

(c) Redeployment of staff; and

(d) Mechanisation of clearance of letter boxes.

Hybrid Mail Service

1184. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the Hybrid Mail proposed by Government;

(b) whether the mail will be delivered more effciently; and

(c) if so, the details of advantage of this service?

THE MINISTER of STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Hybrid Mail Service introduced by the Department of Post provides facility for electronic transmission of data and text through VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) and satellite channel and delivery to the addressees through the Postman. This service is presently available for Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Bangalore, Lucknow, Patna and Shimla where VSATs are functioning in New Delhi GPO, Bombay GPO, Anna Road GPO Madras, Lucknow GPO, Patna GPO and Shimla GPO. Messages booked through Hybrid Mail Service up to 03.00 p.m. are delivered at the destination on the same day.

Service charges are as under:—

Item	Tariff
2 KB data	Rs. 20/-
Subsequent 2 KB data or part thereof	Rs. 5/-
Data entry for each addtional page of A-4 size beyond the first page	Rs. 107-

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Hybrid Mail Service ensures speedy and efficient transmission of text and delivery at the addressee's doorstep fhrough Postman. The tariff for the service is low and customer can avail this facility of electronic transmission of message without owning a computer terminal or FAX.

Measures for efficient supply of LPG Cylinders

1185. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the state-wise number of LPG consumers in the country particularly in the State of Punjab as on 30th June, 1995;

(b) what was the number of persons who got their names registered for LPG connections in the country during the last three years, year-wise/state-wise;

(c) what is the monthly requirement of LPG cylinders in the country; and

(d) what effective measures Government propose to improve the supply of LPG cylinders to the consumers and to clear the waiting list of the persons who got their names registered for LPG connections in the country so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed. *(See* below)

(c) The present average demand of the LPG cylinders by customers of Public Sector Oil Companies in the country js about 1.9 crore cylinders per month.

(d) Efforts are constantly on to release LPG connections to as many applicants as early as possible. The plans have been drawn for higher availability of LPG by increasing the capacity of existing production sources, putting up new plants